

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

**CLEMENTINA TORRES, Individually and as
Personal Representative of the estate of
Alfredo Caballero,**

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 12-cv-0474 LAM/SMV

**JAMES R. COON, Individually and in his Official
Capacity as Chaves County Sheriff;
CHAVES COUNTY, a Subdivision of the State of
New Mexico;
NEW MEXICO PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES
CORPORATION;
JOHN DOES 1–10,**

Defendants.

INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

This case is assigned to me for scheduling, case management, discovery, and all non-dispositive motions. Both the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended, as well as the Local Rules of the Court apply to this lawsuit. Civility and professionalism will be required of counsel. Counsel shall read and comply with “A Lawyer’s Creed of Professionalism of the State Bar of New Mexico.”

The parties, appearing through counsel or pro se, will “meet and confer” no later than **Friday, August 10, 2012**, to formulate a Provisional Discovery Plan. Fed R. Civ. P. 26(f). The time allowed for discovery is generally 120 to 150 days and will run from the Rule 16 initial scheduling conference. Initial disclosures under Fed R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) shall be made within fourteen days of the meet-and-confer session.

The parties will cooperate in preparing a Joint Status Report and Provision Discovery Plan (“JSR”), following the sample JSR available at the Court’s web site. The blanks for suggested/proposed dates are to be filled in by the parties. Actual case management deadlines will be determined by the Court after consideration of the parties’ requests. Plaintiff (or Defendant in removed cases) is responsible for filing the JSR by **Friday, August 17, 2012**.

Parties may not modify case management deadlines on their own. Good cause must be shown and the Court’s express and written approval obtained for any modification of the dates in the scheduling order that issues from the JSR.

A Rule 16 initial scheduling conference will be held by telephone on **Friday, August 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** Parties shall call Judge Vidmar’s “Meet Me” line at 505-348-2357 to be connected to the proceedings. Counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following: discovery needs and scheduling, all claims and defenses, the use of scientific evidence and whether a *Daubert* hearing is needed, *see Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579, 590–92 (1993), initial disclosures, and the timing of expert disclosures and reports under Fed R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2). We will also discuss settlement prospects, alternative dispute resolution possibilities, and consideration of consent pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Client attendance is not required.

Pre-trial practice in this case shall be in accordance with the foregoing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadlines shall be as follows:

Meet and Confer by: **Friday, August 10, 2012**

JSR filed by: **Friday, August 17, 2012**

**Initial Disclosures due within fourteen days of the
meet-and-confer session, but in no event later than:** **Friday, August 24, 2012**

Telephonic Rule 16 Initial Scheduling Conference: **Friday, August 31, 2012**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Vidmar', is written over a horizontal line.

STEPHAN M. VIDMAR
United States Magistrate Judge